Dr. Stackhouse Favors Smaller Counties Because they Good Advice to Our Border Friends.

county and will support it for some equal basis. of the following reasons:

e proposed new county rea with but little bone, agricultural possibilities nd future not excelled by y in the South. We have gh priced lands and have Marion's treasury more the taxes of the county. ve to every fair minded ay what per cent we have in our territory. When

I think of the long and expensive bridges we have helped the lower end of the county to build and when I remember that the large swamp area they have will always made it expensive to build and keep up roads, I know the reason old Marion opposes so bitterly the division of the county.

Let our people remember that on Dec. 14th we can lap off that end of the county in which the greater part of our taxes have always been spent and can begin to spend our money on our own roads and bridges right at our doors. While we will have a small county we can nake it a model second to none in ne State.

d. We have a territory having and clay in easy reach of ev-Sublic road and yet I do not bethere is in S. C. a single area Oe fertility having half so bad For thirty years and more wive annually paid into Mari-Oreasury a tax equal to and susing the tax in many of our si counties. I ask what has Mone with the money? Marl Barbee, Florence, Sumter and Dar-Garretton have built magnificent sand Wilson roads. During this 30 years King &2 counties have built beautiful

To bouses. I wish every voter Four as erritory to think of the old of the eladed court house at Marion n regard the deep sand beds and alies have pnpassable mud holes and lent trans conduct of we have dragged through dispensary e years and ask ourselves re willing to go on with this

The follen forever. Our Marion

Overchargerare shaking a red flag along to be p'ers of our new county and Overjudgmeniurder-they will kill you With \$25,000 in Claims whickes." overjuend a site for the public The 1908 of will it not be much cheap-"Conscience it at Dillon and spendour Total saurselves? Or do you pre-

The foll their representatives Firms, a bill in the Legislature to \$75,000 Court house in Paul Jones &and let our road money Anheuser-Bus at Gallavant's Ferry the long and expensive Frank G. T 1 lower Marion county Live Oak L e past 30 years? If you J. A. Magni 1 roads with a moderate

J. F. Bickm, iber 14th. vote for the new county small county H. A. Thierm protection. With good the Public Buildings as to let them D. Sacks & S. an extension of a few Marin, Hart lines a sheriff from Dil-H. Rosenthal reach the remotest part

Total ... inty in one hour. I wish Money i ies settle on farms all Laurens, Spe ertile section. The presrens county's price of cotton makes these are P. B. y better than any other Weathers. A 's with better roads and Weathers sold ce protection for our three hogs that aren and sweethearts, and on last Satur, a great many of our 29 fine porkers, have moved into town old, the lot bringin the farm.

paid in Laurens is not believe our taxes To Double Track I ent higher, provided Eac to go on living like last 30 years in old Greenville, Specia I see it the new rumor is current harr progress in every ern railway has with roads-better podays let contracts for

its main line between er citizenship. For better country Atlanta. According ton in this new counwork of double tracking jurors, witnesses ed at an early date fro'ty and spend evend. It is proposed that with his family. mer of 1910 work will ha f taxes comes, it better living conpleted as far nort has t ople Personally, distance of 55 miles.

Dies at the Result or h to see an im-Greenville, Special.—Wa try conditions an employe of the Poe mil olice protection day as the result of an injuy a little more

and now in the

sived Saturday night in fa freet car. He attempted almost certain while the car was in motion carried by a own heavily to the ground the injuries from which ited. Smith was 28 years was a wife, but no children our border the winning them to vote was enried to Lowell, omemay have ents in roads

ors at our new county such favors when it is known in Dillon that you voted for and helped to carry the new county.

In a great many conventions when it is seen some one is going to be are in the Line of Progress. moves to make the election unanmous; that is all the opposition change their votes. I hope our border friends will help us make this election unanimous and let all I favor the formation of a new of us begin house-keeping on an

Wade Stackhouse.

New County Means Good Roads.

De ing with fair and honorable fight you have of your paper for the New County and as the election is near at hand I thought I would write and tell you that everything is bright and favor-

able in this section. When the fight first started, and New County cause had considerait is to their advantage and interfitted, for I myself, can remember iving in a hustling, aggressive now is required to leave his farm to Marion to serve as a juror or us in our fight. witness considers it a hardship. When the County is formed any citizen living in the New County the following morning. This, I think, should appeal to every man who considers his time of any val-

The people in this section, also snow that when the new county is formed the Sand Bed across the river from Dillon will be changed small and the supervisor can get around every year. But as it is now, the chain gang does not reach our section but about every four or etc." Why Mr. Editor we, who five years, and on some of our public roads, the county has never sent the chain gang.

I am satisfied there has been a wonderful change of sentiment in and the new county vote here

Progress.

What the Two Bankers Say,

Dillon, S. C., Dec. 8th '.9 New County:

theck for the \$25,000.00 build the time comes. This report has its ers who did not read his article origin, no doubt, with the old coun- copied from "The Florence Times" ty people, who are fighting so hard in your paper last week, to do so; it best young men and to prevent the people of this sec- is broad, and "far reaching." tion from voting as they want to an! from attending to their own this check will be promptly paid perform." when the proper county officers are ready to receive the money and build the Public Buildings. The credit of the two Banks is pledged to secure the people this money, beedes the good name, faith and financial responsibilities of the Mes-

srs. Dillon. Yours truly, W. T. Bethea, Treasurer and Trustee of the New County Central Executive

ommittee.

We the undersigned cashiers of the Bank of Dillon and the Peo- the extreme. ole's Bank do hereby state that the good faith and credit of the banks are pledged to secure the payment of the check of the Messrs. Dillon, given for the purpose of erecting tend to that business. the public buildings in the proposed new County.

W. T. Bethea, Cashier of The Bank of Dillon. E. R. Hamer. Cashier of The People's Bank.

Fifteen years from now a true history of the trials and tribulations me will want of the New County people in the effort to divide Marion will read

THE MATTER OF TAXES 7th Be

Nothing in the "Higher Tax invariable experience of counties cut off from the old. Argument" when You A Catch Phrase that has been Worked until it is quired taxable property. People too Threadbare. Intelligent to Notice it Now.

To the Editor of the Herald-Just at this time, when the minds , 1909 and hearts of every man, woman and child in our "new county" are set.on the great question that conest the fronts us and to be settled at the ballot box on the 14th inst., I feel been making through the columns that I cannot further refrain from saying a word on the subject.

The glad news comes to us daily from every section in our "new county" "we are gaining strength" and when I look these good honest citizens in the face and hear their even up to a few weeks ago, the reports, I feel that the matter is not much longer to be a question, ble opposition; but nearly all who for during the past week I have opposed the formation have now talked to several who have heretorealized that the election will be carried by a safe majority, and that whereas, I was blind, now I see," est to come forward and assist in and now Mr. Editor, I have been getting it formed. When the coun- keeping posted in the claims for y is formed the people have no and against the new county and for idea how much they will be bene- my life I cannot see how a sensible when the people did not mind going ments of our opponents, telling person can accept some of the arguwhole week if necessary—in fact it was regarded as a week off. Now as usual. I thought they wore that conditions have changed. We are out 16 years ago, for well do I recommercial age, and the man who member how much the tax quescommercial age, and the man, who county" elections held then, and to tion was agitated in our " the ignorant and unwary this arguor business for a day or two to go ment was accepted and it had

l cannot blame our opponents in "old Marion" to fight us, for we can return home at night, attend to the county (the new county) pays well know that the upper end of his business and go back to court the greater portion of the taxes and realizes nothing it taking the greater portion to keep up the waste in the lower part of the county. Yes, Mr. Editor, the Messrs Dillon have given the money to put up the build ing and a site on which to locate it and without any strings tied to it. Lord bless them for we are proud and all roads in the county will be to have such men. Now this site donation has been criticised by our opponents, who say the Messrs-Why Mr. Editor we, who them to be gentlemen of their word who do not study any trickery and there is not one of us who would this section since the last election made by them, Now, if we will next Tuesday will be much larger feel charitably inclined to our opstop and reflect for a moment, we ponents who seem so distressed about "our" tax burden. We certainly do thank them for their kind consideration of our future welfare for it is kind in them not to want To the voters of the Proposed to overtax ourselves. Now, I fell just here that it is "not because It has been rumored that the they love Cæsar less, but that they Messrs. Dillon have so given their love Rome more." I wish that we could all see this firend, Mr. R. P. Hamer, sees it. out of paying this amount when I want every one of your subscrib-

Now Mr. Editor, in conclusion, I feel that our new county scheme is business. I want to put this report no longer a project, but a cerout of business, as it were. So I tainty. I feel sure we have won; hereby state as the Trustee of the only a few days more, let every new New County Committee that I have county man in her borders make he check of the Messrs. Dillon and himself a committee of one to get that it is given without one single out, and do something, for we each string or condition. I state that and every one have "a mission to

T. L. Bass

Observer Wants Independence.

To the question, "Why should the people of upper Marion wish to draw off from the old county and do business under their own name." a number of reasons may be given; a few among them are:

1st. We want to, and we regard any opinion and effort to the contrary as meddlesome, officious, presumptious and offensive to us in

2nd. Because we know our own business.

and wise enough we think to at-

4th. Because we are rich enough

in things material to go to housekeeping on our own hook without lous fight for our rights as I would any help from outsiders.

outlay.

farming section of the State we vided we fall. know we can have the banner county of the State.

invariable experience of all new

Think it Out for Yourself. ed territory. oth. Because we have the requirpopulation.

10th. Because we have the re 11th. Because we have the legal right to do so.

12th. Because we can do so mor-

13th. Because we can leave the old county without a single regret or any compunction of conscience whatever.

14th. Because with a busy people time is money, and our folks can't afford to spend so much time on the road to the court house. 15th. Because we want a better Courthouse than the old one and

one nearer home. In conclusion we will say that t seems like it is going to be a ver- that retards their progress and imitable land slide. In no prior contest has there been the spirit of determination and unanimity that prevails today and the man that fails to vote with us will certainly gressive men. be made to feel very lonesome. He could have no valid reason for apathy, in difference or opposition; the line will be strictly drawn and the sins of a man who fails to do his duty on the 14th will be visited true? Simply because under our even upon the third and fourth present system of large counties it

Observer-

Lower Taxes, Says Kirby!

Editor of Dillon Herald-As nothing has appeared in the columns of your valuable paper from our section for some time, am taking the liberty of asking for a short space in your paper to let other sections of the county know that we are still in the land of the liv-

We have just about completed the harvesting of one of the largest crops within the past several years. This fact coupled with the unusual good prices, obtained for all marketable products, has had a tendency to put every one, and more especialy the farmers in a happy frame of mind.

A good many of our farmers have patronized the Dillon cotton market, and are unanimous in the opinion that Dillon's is the equal of any market in the Eastern part of the State and a great deal better than the majority of the towns of our section of the state.

The all absorbing topic of our community is the question of the creation of the proposed new coun-

Until within the last few days there seemed to be but little interest manifested in the matter, it being a conceded fact that the new county would not get even a majority of the votes, much less, twothirds. However, the old argument of higher taxes for new counties seems to be proving a boomerang and instead of the new county move ment losing ground or even being nothing was more unpopular than at a stand still, it is gaining headway each day and at the present are turned and nothing is more pop-People who have never before taken much interest in it, and even some who actually opposed the movement in the past are now among its warmest advocates Some have taken the trouble to investigate the tax levy of new coun ties and upon a comparison of the levy now and before the new county was created find them to be actually lower than before.

Mr. Editor, we simply have got here's hoping that on the 14th day of December every one will make it a point to go to the polls and cast the banner county of the grand old your children are benefitted; and State of South Carolina. Veni Vidi Vici.

Kirby, S. C. Dec. 6th., 1909

Card from Mr. Dillon.

Dillon, S. C., Dec. 8 1909. To the people of the Proposed New County:

We have struggled long and hard for our New County. I have worked and labored in this community now for over a half century and never before have I seen our people so worked up and determined tion of securing the New County. My age had prevented me from actively participating in this glorhave felt like doing. In my hum-5th. Because we are tired of pay ble way I have tried to do my full ing the bulk of the taxes and gettogether from now on and the vic-6th. Because having the richest tory is ours. United we stand; di-

> Yours truly. J. W. Dillo

Icas GOOD HEADS AND BETTER SCHOOLS.

8th. Because we have the requir- The Result of Smaller Counthe View of Pro ol'ublico who has N Close Study of the nation.

> The two most essential things or the advancement and uplifting this county are our public ools and our pr roads These two systems which cause more trouble give more satisfaction are given less attention and cost more money than all other public affairs taken together Therefore they are of the most vital interest to us and should command our attention above all things else. Then if this is true, which on the face of it is the case, anything provement should be condemned and on the other hand anything that may be beneficial to them should be encouraged by all pro-

> That both of these systems are far inferior to what they should be is too glaringly self-evident to be contradicted by the most optimisis utterly impossible for any one man to look after the schools or the roads as they should be. For instance, it is almost one hundred miles from the extreme northern end to the extreme southern end of weight in those days, but thanks be to our Maker, these same people who were then misled have had their eyes open and are today with this county and scattered over this vast teritory, from five to seventyfive miles apart are sixty-seven white and fifty four negro schools. Do you thing it is possible for one man, during six months to personally superintend these schools? As to how many thousand miles of pub lic roads there are in this county am quite unable to say, but is i reasonable to suppose that there are more miles of road han it is possible for one man to much less build up. these reasons would it not be better, if this county were divided?

that the bulk or practically all of the public funds of this county is spent in keeping up the schools and roads, for the salaries of the officers and other expenses of the county really amount to such a small sum that it can hardly be noticed. This broundless, baseless senseless cry of increased taxes for two sets of officers' salaries is pure unadulterated foolishness. Now then for the simple reason that small counties have good schools state are dividing up the large coun ties as fast as they can. Almost and whereas not many years ago. new counties, but now the tables tion; small counties, better schools and good roads. Therefore small counties mean progress. It is not right for any one to stand in the way of progress and improvement. vote against the new county.

Now then add to this the fact

new county wil win by a good majority. However, it will be well it may win by overwhelming to have a new county this time and majority and remember when you vote for it that you are improving your public roads, thereby your country is benefitted; that you are with the change: his ballot for what is destined to be building up your schols, thereby that, by doing both of these things, you are helping your fellow man and pushing civilization a step forward, by which you are a benefactor to mankind in general and the

world at large. Pro Bono Publico.

A Lattaites, Unselfish View.

Latta, S. C., Dec. 4, 1909. Editor Herald:

I have been watching the movements of both parties in the fight for and against the formation of the New County. In past elections 3rd. Because we are old enough to carry out their purpose and inten ty. I was so fixed that I saw no I have been against the New Counparticular reason to try to get a new county, as I was satisfied with my present condition and did not sive efforts that Dorchester counts see an special advantage coming to was saved. me in the formation of the new county, But I have thought this matter over. I have come to the that I ought not to be selfish enough to vote ag New County just because I am satisfied with what I have got. I know that the people in the upper end of this county are put at a great the people to 'turn out and vote

will help them to have the New County formed. So I am going der that I may help my friends and neighbors in upper Marion and as it does not hart my own interest to do so. I am not going to act so selfish as to vote to let well enough alone for myself and thus do my fellow man a wrong. So put me down for the New County. New County Man.

Fock Voter Sees the Light

Fork, S. C., Dec. 4, 1909. Editor Dillon Herald: At last it seems that things are

coming our way down here. There has been a great change of sentiment in favor of the New County in the last few days, due largely to the fact, I believe, that the people are beginning to understand the situation and to see that taxes are not as high in new counties as the old county crowd has led the public to believe. Then again there is some prospect of the new railroad coming our way and this fact is making a good voter lean toward the New County. I think the people on what is called the "border ine" are the very ones who should vote for a division of Marion county because they will be the first to get the benefits of good roads if the New County is formed. At present the roads leading both to Dillon and Marion are not in good condition, and if the county is cut in two Marion and Dillon will make a bid for trade in the section along the "border line" by building good roads. Then there is Latta on the one side and Mullins on the other. When these towns see Dillon and Marion making an effort for good roads to the "border line" they will get interested also and the result will be a system of good roads for this entire section. I do not beieve taxes will be any higher if the New County is formed. The savng in a smaller county will more han offset the expense for two sets of officers and then again the convenience will be worth something to the tax payers. The New County did not get much of a vote in this section before, but the chances are this time is will carry this poll by a good solid majority.

The people are happy and prosperous over an abundant harvest and the prevailing high prices for cotton. This is indeed a year of plenty, and if we are successful in forming the New County on the

14th, our cup of happiness will be full to the brim and running over. Cottontot. PROSPEROUS DORCHESTER. Dorchester county was formed out of a portion of Colleton, about five years ago. The Dorchester and good roads, the people of this people cut loose from Colleton because Colleton was too large and it was impossible for the supervisevery year a new county is formed or to work the roads thoroughly,

and to keep the bridges in repair. Then again, the taxes were so high in Colleton that capitalists would not invest their money in the upper time we have bright prospects of getting even more than two-thirds school mean progress and civilization, and that section was not and that section was not developing as rapidly as it should. The Colleton people used the "higher tax" argument against the formation of Dorchester, but reference to the table published else-Then it is not right for any one to where in this issue, will show that Dorchester's levy is much lower According to all indications the than Colleton's, although Dorchester spent \$50,000 in erecting a court house and jail, something for its friends to work hard so that the tax payers of our proposed new county will not be called upon to do. The following from the columns of the Dorchester Eagle show how well the people are pleased

LEE COUNTY. "The people of the territory comprosing the new county to be known as Lee County are to be engratulated on their hard fight and final success. The people of Dorchester know just what it means, and will welcome the latest arrival into the sisterhood of counties. Dorchester was formed in the face of violent opposition on the part of the destructive element

ing individuals, in he is dence in Sumn cerfully effective er taxation wa was worth, known to the schenning was brought in the to de will of the people, and it was our by the most per intern and argres

The Star ne vspaler says the legislature will not create the New County if the election is carried but in the next breath it urges disadvantage and inconvenience be- the scheme down.